



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2005 Senate Bill 96**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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### **Current Law**

Under current law, school boards may enter into contracts with various entities to establish charter schools. In addition, current law permits the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the Milwaukee Area Technical College, and the City of Milwaukee to establish or contract for the establishment of a charter school, sometimes referred to as independent or (2r) charter schools. In general, only pupils who reside in the school district in which an independent charter school is located may attend the charter school. (An exception to this residency requirement applies to pupils at the Woodlands School under certain circumstances.)

### **Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2005 Senate Bill 96**

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 96 permits the University of Wisconsin-Madison to establish or contract for the establishment of an independent charter school in Dane County with the approval of the Board of Regents. Only one such school may be established, and it may have no more than 700 pupils in its first year of operation and no more than 1,400 pupils in any school year after that. Only pupils who reside in Dane County may attend this charter school.

### **Legislative History**

Senate Bill 96 was recommended for passage by the Senate Committee on Higher Education and Tourism on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1. Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Senator Darling. The Senate adopted it by voice vote. The Senate passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 20; Noes, 13.

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